

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 5,149,474 issued to Rohatyn. As recommended by the Examiner Applicant has cancelled without prejudice claim 7 and incorporated its limitations into claim 8. Applicant has also amended claim 9 to now depend on claim 8, which results in all remaining claims in this important patent application being in condition for allowance.

Claims 7 - 13 now appear in the application. Reconsideration of the application and the patentable merits of the subject matter covered by these claims is respectfully requested. Applicant submits that claims 7 - 13 are allowable and respectfully requests early favorable action by the Examiner.

If the Examiner believes a telephonic interview with Applicant's representative would aid in the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to contact Applicant's representative at the below listed number.

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